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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231  
Sir:

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In response to the Office Action of December 19, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

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1. (Amended) A hydrorefining catalyst comprising a hydrogenation active metal component supported on a refractory porous carrier, wherein a median pore diameter determined by the nitrogen adsorption method is 8 to 20 nm, a pore volume determined by the nitrogen adsorption method is 0.56 - 1.0 cm<sup>3</sup>/g, and a pore volume

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